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**TANCREDO'S PEACE IN SUDAN BILL PASSES WITH  
OVERWHELMING BI-PARTISAN SUPPORT**  
*"This is a great day for Sudan and for the World"*

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – Congressman Tom Tancredo (CO-06) today enjoyed overwhelming support from Democrats and Republicans with a vote of 412 to 3 to H.R. 5061, also known as the Comprehensive Peace in Sudan Act.

"This is another important step in bringing an end to the conflict and suffering in this war torn region," said Tancredo, member of the House International Relations Committee and the Africa Subcommittee. "America must lead the way in resolving this tragic humanitarian and human rights disaster. This is the first time we have declared genocide while it is happening. How we respond at this critical juncture has implications for the future of international peace and security."

H.R. 5061 is based on the declaration that the atrocities in the Darfur region amount to genocide, with over 100,000 killed to date, and that the Government of Sudan is complicit in this genocide. It is also based on the idea that the Sudanese Government's genocidal campaign in Darfur raises fundamental questions about the government's commitment to peace and stability in Sudan.

The bill takes a three prong approach to address this crisis: It imposes punishments on the Government of Sudan by imposing sanctions listed in the Sudan Peace Act, and calls on the President to freeze the assets of senior Sudanese officials; it outlines multilateral actions for our Permanent Representative to the U.N. to press with U.N. member countries; and it provides much-needed humanitarian and development aid to alleviate suffering and to give Sudanese civilians hope and a reason to remain peaceful. The measure will now be referred to the Senate for reconciliation with a similar measure introduced by Senator Lugar and passed by the Senate on September 23, 2004.

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